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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2019-20 educational progress for Highlands Middle School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Jamey Vermaat for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website [LINK HERE](#) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2019-20 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

I am pleased to share that Highlands Middle School was not assigned any of the foregoing labels.

Based on statewide assessment data, Highlands Middle School compares very favorably to schools across the state of Michigan. As part of our continued school improvement process, we focus on increasing student achievement in all core academic areas.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Process for assigning pupils to the school:

Northview Public Schools operates one comprehensive 5/6 middle school. All students who reside within the Northview attendance area attend Highlands 5/6 following the 4th grade.

As part of state law, the district also participates in the Schools of Choice (SOC) program for non-resident families.



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The status of the 3-5 year school improvement plan:

Highlands Middle School continues to use the school improvement process to re-evaluate current goals, establish new goals, and collaboratively work together to improve student performance.

A brief description of each specialized school:

Northview Public Schools offers DK-4; 5-6; 7-8; and 9-12 buildings. All of our schools operate under the same academic rigor and goals. We strive for consistency in excellence in each school and work closely together to achieve that academic success.

Identify how to access a copy of the core curriculum, a description of its implementation and an explanation of the variances from the state's model:

The Northview Public Schools core curriculum is aligned with academic standards adopted by the Michigan Department of Education. Curriculum committees comprised of classroom teachers and curriculum leaders work to align and update content. Further information related to the NVPS curriculum, its development, and implementation may be obtained by contacting Dr. Rebecca Moore, NVPS Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

The aggregate student achievement results for any local competency tests or nationally normed achievement tests:

Current school assessment data can be found at MISchoolData.org.

IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

78% of 398 students had parents in attendance for October conferences.

Thank you for your support and dedication to the students of Highlands Middle School. We take great pride in the success of each student and appreciate a strong partnership with our families and community.

Sincerely,

Jamey Vermaat
Principal
Highlands Middle School

